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Mr. David Hogan
US State Department
Washington, DC

Re: United States /Canada Albacore Treaty

Dear Mr. Hogan,

We are customs brokers with offices in Portland, Oregon/Vancouver, Washington and Denver, Colorado. For many years we have been heavily involved in assisting Canadian and American fishing vessel owners with documentation and requirements of U.S. Customs & Border Protection, U.S. Coast Guard and FDA.

Since the Albacore Tuna Treaty between the United States and Canada has now expired, we are beginning to see the negative effect of the loss of this treaty on both sides of the border. We have clients who are Canadian owners and operators of fishing vessels, and they are truly frightened at the looming financial crisis the loss of this treaty is becoming. And we have clients who are American owners or operators who are seeing a critical problem as a result of being barred from Canadian ports.

We would like to express that we believe this treaty is extremely important to both the United States and Canada. This treaty is important not only to us individually as a company, but is important to all the approved fishing ports from British Columbia to Northern California that the fishing vessels visit. Allowing the United States and Canadian fishing fleets the option to follow the albacore tuna between the EEZs and sell at ports in the United States and Canada impacts many businesses. They participate in the economy of those cities to a large degree as they take on fuel, supplies and food and shop for other needed items. This is hugely important, because in this challenging economic environment these small seaports on the west coast are hit harder than most areas of the U.S.

We feel that it is very important to retain the Albacore Tuna Treaty that has existed since 1981. Throughout the last 30 years the treaty has been an important part of the staggering volume of bilateral trade between the United States and Canada. It is important as a means of regulating each country's EEZs in a fair and prudent manner.

In sum, we urge both the United States and Canada to write a new treaty or extend the old treaty into the future. This is important to bilateral relations between both countries and is a clear sign of the friendship and close ties Canada and the United States have with each other.

Sincerely,

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